Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Local officers also could have detected such cases.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Range Inspectors have detected any case during the period the special party was working in that particular area?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: During those eight or nine days I cannot say now whether the Range Inspector detected any case.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the special party was working in collaboration with the Range Inspector?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No. They were working independently.

Contractors in the Excise Department.

53. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether contractors taking part in the auction sale of shops by the Excise Department generally do so after encumbering their properties at about the time of the auction in the name of some near relative for a sum higher than the actual price of the properties;

(*b*) whether, after competing and taking up the shops, the contractors pay up the instalments regularly if they get an abnormal profit and fail to do so if the profit is otherwise;

(*c*) whether the report of the Proverthikar is now being obtained in regard to the tax paid by the contractor who bids in the auction;

(*d*) whether, by so doing, any knowledge is gained regarding the muddled state of their affairs, the liability of heir properties, etc;

(*e*) whether many persons at present who are defaulters in the matter of excise dues have not given benami possession of their properties and are not at their sweet will enjoying them as their own; and

(*f*) whether they could not recover the whole of the arrears, if such properties are taken possession of by them?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) Default sometimes occurs and the cause in some cases may be loss sustained by the contractor.

(*c*) The solvency of the contractor is certified to by the Proverthikar.

(*d*) By doing so accurate information is not always obtained about the liabilities of a contractor.

(*e*) Instances have come to light where defaulters alienated their properties to defraud Government.

(*f*) In such cases action is taken to proceed against such properties.

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Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ചിലപ്പോൾ അങ്ങിനെ സംഭവിക്കുന്നുണ്ട് എന്നു പറയുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെ സംഭവിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്യുമോ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: ലേലം പിടിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞാലുടൻതന്നെ അയാളുടെ ധനസ്ഥിതിയെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നു. ആ സംഗതി ശരിയായി ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടതിനുശേഷമാണ് ലേലം സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നത്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ആ വിവരം പാർവത്യകാർമുഖാന്തരമല്ലേ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നത്?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: അതെ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: പാർവത്യകാക്ക് ഭ്രൂനികൃതിയെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള അറിവല്ലാതെ മറ്റു സ്ഥിതിവിവരങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി അറിയാൻ മാർഗ്ഗമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. O Madhavan: സാധാരണയായി ഭ്രൂനികൃതിയെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തിയാണ് ധനസ്ഥിതി നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നത്.

President: That is the honourable member's own inference whether the Proverthikar does not know more information. The Proverthikars are expected to know full details. There is nothing to show that the Proverthikars generally do not know it.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ധനസ്ഥിതിയെ തീർച്ചപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന രജിസ്ട്രാർ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റു കൊണ്ടുവരികയാണെങ്കിൽ അത് കുറെക്കൂടി രക്ഷാമാർഗ്ഗം ആയിരിക്കുകയില്ലേ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: അത് ഒരു സജഷൻ മാത്രമാണ്. That is a suggestion, Sir,

President: Thank him for it.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the solvency of the contractors is ascertained before the auction is conducted or after that?

Mr. C. O Madhavan: The solvency is gone into only if the man takes up a shop.

President: Only when he becomes a successful bidder?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes, Sir.

Appointments in the Registration Department.

54. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons appointed since 1106 as sub-Registrars from other departments and from outside;

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